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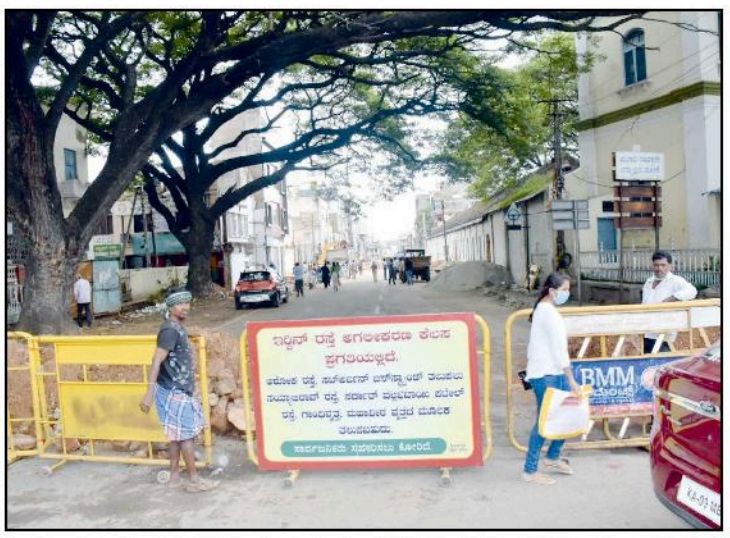
Three-month traffic ban on Irwin Road

After widening, it will be a 60-feet road including footpath



Mysuru, June 17 (KS)- Following a request by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to Mysuru Police to impose a ban on traffic on the Irwin Road to take up road widening works, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has banned the movement of all types of vehicles on Irwin Road up to three months and has urged motorists to take alternate roads suggested by the Police.

There will be a ban on movement of all types of vehicles on both ways from Nehru Circle to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle (Government Ayurveda College Circle) for three months to take up the pending widening and development works on Irwin Road. The Police Commissioner's order, effective from June 16, has provided alternative routes for motorists for smooth flow of traffic.

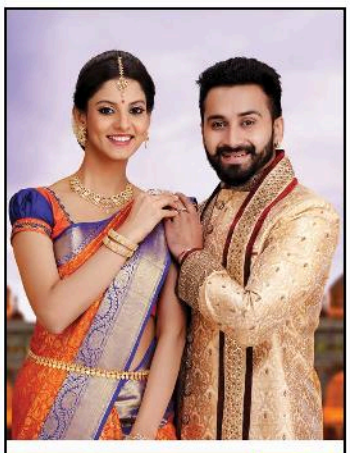
City buses, which were proceeding from Nehru Circle to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle on Irwin Road, should travel on Bengaluru-Mysuru Road to reach Nawab Hyder Ali Khan Circle (Five Lights Circle), pass through Church Road - St. Philomena's Church Circle-Ashoka Road-Gumchi Junction, take a left turn and proceed on Pulakeshi Road to reach New Sayyaji Rao Road and move further.

All vehicles, except Heavy Motor Vehicles (HMV), plying from Nehru Circle to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle should proceed towards the North of Ashoka Road to reach Kabir Road junction, take a turn towards west side and pass through Kabir Road to reach New Sayyaji Rao Road and proceed further.

Those vehicles coming from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle towards Nehru Circle should take a turn towards the south, proceed on Sayyaji Rao Road-Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Road-Gandhi Square-Mahaveer Circle, take a right turn and proceed in front of Town Hall and move further, according to a press release from the Public Relations Officer (PRO), City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

The MCC first took up the demolition of the 350-metre stretch between K.T. Street till Government Ayurveda College. Next is the demolition of the remaining stretch from K.T. Street to Central Post Office (Nehru Circle).

For the road widening and beautification, Rs. 47 crore has been provided under State Finance Commission (SFC) Grants. After widening, it will be a 60-feet (18-metre) road including footpath. The four-lane road will have a median and box drainage feature. The road will get a heritage character with ornamental lamp posts. Much to the relief of commuters, the road will be traffic jam-free stretch.



Yoga amidst COVID: At home, with family

Mysureans to set a new record through 'Virtual Terrace Yoga' on June 21

Mysuru, June 17 (PM&BNR)- International Yoga Day (IYD) 2020 is just round the corner. On June 21, this day is celebrated across the world to highlight the benefits of including yoga in daily routine. The theme for World Yoga Day-2020 is 'Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family.'

In the wake of Coronavirus pandemic, International Yoga Day this year will be observed at home. "Due to the contagious nature of COVID-19, no mass gathering would be advisable this year. Hence, this year the Ministry is encouraging people to practice yoga at their homes, with participation from the entire family," the AYUSH Ministry said in a statement.

The event will be a trainer-led session that will be telecast on Doordarshan on June 21 from 6.30 am onwards for people to follow and practice in solidarity, while staying home. The 45-minute Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) is one of the most popular yoga programmes across the world.

It was developed by a team of leading Yoga Gurus and experts and includes safe practices to improve physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health of the population, which can be practised at home on a daily basis.

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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

KSRTC announces 80% discount in June rentals for bus stand building tenants

Mysuru, June 17- After waiving off rent in total for businesses operating from its bus stand complexes for a period of more than two months (Mar. 22 to May 31) due to COVID-19 induced nationwide lockdown, the KSRTC, taking forward its gesture, has announced 80 percent discount in rentals to hotel and shop owners doing business in the commercial complexes of KSRTC bus stands at all places, for the month of June.

The KSRTC, which suspended bus services following the enforcement of lockdown in March, resumed operations on May 19 after the Government eased lockdown curbs and with the resumption of bus services, shops in bus stands too were allowed to re-open.

After waiving off rentals for the first two months of lockdown, the KSRTC, in another order on June 8, said that it was giving 80 percent discount in rentals to shop-keepers, hotels and other businesses operating from the commercial buildings and spaces attached to its bus stands for the period from June 1 to 30, 2020. Accordingly, the tenants (shops, hotels and other commercial establishment owners) are required to pay only 20 percent of the rent for the month of June.

KSRTC Mysuru Rural Divisional Controller R. Ashok Kumar told 'Star of Mysore' that the 80 percent discount on rentals will be for the month of June. However, this discount, which will be extended for two more months in the wake of lockdown, may come down in the subsequent months of July and August as the rentals then will be decided on a Pro-rata basis depending on the number of buses that ply from the bus stands in these two months, he said and added that the KSRTC has announced the 80 percent discount as only a few trips are being operated now.

He further said that the Mysuru Rural Division is right now operating only 260 out of the 670 buses that it has control of.

Netaji Nagar Police Layout

residents complain of foul smell from clogged UGD, overflowing manholes

Mysuru, June 17 (SBD&KS)- Clogged Underground Drainage (UGD) system and overflowing sewage from manholes at Netaji Nagar Police Layout in Alanahalli Gram Panchayat limits is causing a lot of problems to the residents as foul smell is emanating from the overflowing sewage water that has become stagnant since many days.

Apart from bearing the stench, the residents are also now dealing with mosquitoes, which has increased as the stagnant sewage water has become a perfect place for the mosquitoes to breed and a few children have taken ill due to mosquito bites.

Residents alleged that unscientific UGD works and mistakes made while undertaking the works has allowed sewage water of two layouts flow into Netaji Nagar Layout.

The Layout was formed 20 years ago and a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) has been constructed near the Lake and is being maintained properly. Drinking water is supplied to the area from two borewells. But now the residents are facing problems with clogged UGD.

A few days ago, the UGD pipelines from Giridarshini Layout and Hegde Layout were being connected to Netaji Nagar UGD line but was stopped after the residents of Netaji Nagar opposed it stating that it would put pressure to the STP and the sewage water could overflow into the Lake and pollute the lake water.

The residents alleged that even before the works could be completed, UGD connections to the houses of the two layouts were already given and now as the works are stopped the residents of Netaji Nagar are at the receiving end as manholes on the road are overflowing due to pressure.

Though the residents met the officials concerned and lodged complaints, no action was taken and even after MLA G.T. Devegowda instructing the officials to rectify the problem, none of the officials bothered to inspect the same nor take steps to solve the issue.

With sewage water flowing on the road and remaining stagnant at a few places, the residents are now fearing the outbreak of epidemic that too during COVID-19 pandemic. Expressing their displeasure, the residents said that at a time when people are fearing of contracting fever, it is not right on the part of officials to show negligent attitude.

Electricity supply to tribal hamlets through UG cable

CESC to submit

proposal to Centre again

Mysuru, June 17 (MK)- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has decided to once again appeal to the Central Government to give consent to a project which aims to optimise electricity supply to all tribal hamlets in Mysuru district by laying underground (UG) cable in those regions.

Munigopalaraju

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, CESC Superintending Engineer K.M. Munigopalaraju said, "We would like to implement Central Government's Decentralised Distributed Generation (DDG) scheme in the district, which aims to facilitate electricity supply in tribal hamlets. Over the last two years, we are trying to get permission from the Central Government's Forest Ministry, but authorities are yet to give green signal to this project."

"This project aims to build solar power plants in tribal hamlets and provide electricity supply to their residences. CESC has already planned to float tender and lease out the project to a private company. We are awaiting approval from the Central Government. There are over 11 tribal hamlets and 653 tribal families living in Hunsur, Periyapatna, K.R. Nagar, Saragur and H.D. Kote region. As a pilot project, CESC is trying to facilitate electricity supply to 29 tribal families living in Metikuppe, H.D. Kote taluk. We are planning to construct 113 solar power plants in 11 tribal hamlets and generate electricity in the region. We have already written to the Centre seeking permission, but as these tribal areas come under the jurisdiction of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, forest authorities have not yet okayed for this project stating that it would be disastrous for wildlife in the region," he said.

"As this project would provide electricity to tribals living in the district, we have decided to once again appeal to Central Government to give its nod to the project. As the State Government has already given its signal, CESC has sanctioned Rs. 61.65 lakh to Forest Department. We have already planned for floating tender and assign this to a private company. Implementation of this work would begin in the region as soon as the Centre's Forest Ministry gives nod," he added.

Ph.D awarded

Mysuru, June 17- **Mahesh G. Emmi** has been awarded Ph.D

in Mechanical Engineering by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for his thesis *'Development of Simulation Model for Performance Evaluation of Bagasse Unit in a Sugar Plant'* submitted under the guidance of Dr. Vinay V. Kuppast and Dr. Aravindrao M. Yadwad.

VOICE OF THE READER

Suggestions to curb traffic rule violations in city

Sir,

The only way to curb traffic rule violations in city is to go back to the penalties issued by the Central Government and in my opinion we should increase the punishment period. If a rider or driver is caught breaking the traffic law on three consecutive times within a period of 6 months, his or her licence must be suspended for a year.

If he or she is caught driving without a licence, then the penalty must be revocation of licence for a period of not less than 5 years.

Here I welcome the recent decision by the City Police to personally visit the residence of violators to collect the fine amount.

At times the rider is not the owner of the two-wheeler. Then the responsibility to pay the penalties will be the registered owner of the vehicle. Breaking of traffic rules, wrong way driving/riding, talking on the phone while the vehicle is moving, no seat belts, no insurance etc., must be penalised severely. Even moving at red signals before the signal turns green is to be considered as jumping the RED light.

Overspeeding and using the oncoming lane to overtake should result in impounding the vehicle and suspension of licence. Only when the punishment is very severe and hits the wallet, will people learn to obey rules.

— George C. A. Rego
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Felicitation to regular donors marks World Blood Donor Day

Mysuru, June 17 (MTY&SD)- On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day (June 14), DTS Foundation, Mysuru, felicitated blood donors who have donated blood for more than 50 times at a programme organised at Jeevadhara Blood Bank on Sayyaji Rao Road in city.

Over 50 donors voluntarily came forward to donate blood at the camp including around 25 members of JCI Mysore Royal City who donated blood.

Speaking after felicitating the blood donors, DTS Foundation President D.T. Prakash said, "Everyone must know the importance of blood donation. In the community, there are some superstitious beliefs about donating blood, which we need to overcome and support this noble endeavour. Any healthy adult, both male (once in three months) and female (once in four months) can donate blood, but anyone who is over 60 years or suffering from any illness are not eligible to donate blood."

Asserting that blood donation is not harmful to the donor, he said: "Blood cells would regenerate itself in a few months. If the donor is a healthy person, donor will not feel weak after blood donation. It would reduce cholesterol, thereby decrease the risk of heart disease. On any special occasion such as national holidays, birthdays or marriage anniversaries, donating blood would be a good idea, as it would save someone's life. Everyone, especially youngsters, should come forward to donate blood."

Speaking after being feted, donor Yuvaraj said, "After seeing my posts on social media such as Facebook and WhatsApp about my blood donation, over ten youngsters came forward to donate blood. When a pregnant woman was in need of A -ve group blood, one of my contacts voluntarily donated blood to her. As of now, I have donated blood for more than 50 times and I am still healthy. According to some studies, regular blood donation would decrease the chances of heart problems and stroke for up to 75%. I request every citizen to voluntarily donate blood on a regular basis to save the lives of accident victims, post-surgery patients, pregnant women and others."

Rifah Taskeen, holder of world record for driving largest range of multi-wheeler vehicles, distributed blood donation certificates to donors at Jeevadhara Blood Bank. Donors, who have donated blood for more than 50 times, including Yuvaraj, Vikas Darla, M. Pradeep Singh Chauhan, C. Anand, Karmaram and others were feted.

Jeevadhara Blood Bank Director Girish, Terapanth President Devendra, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Mamatha, youth leaders Vikram Iyengar, Srinivas, Rakesh, BJP youth leader Shivaprakash and others were present.

SWR Mysuru Division runs first Parcel Special Express from Nanjangud

Mysuru, June 17- Railway is running Goods Trains and Parcel Express Trains to ensure supply of essential commodities across the country and committed to ensuring the supply of essential commodities like food, medicines etc., to meet the requirements of citizens.

South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, ran its first ever Parcel Special Express on June 15 from Nanjangud to Sankrail, West Bengal and Changasari in Assam.

The Special Express comprises 10 high capacity parcel vans and carried 185 metric tonnes of product manufactured by Nestle India. The train runs on a fixed schedule and covers a distance of about 3,000 kms which will reach the destination today (June 17) clocking an average speed of over 65 kmps per hour.

Mysuru Division is adopting an aggressive marketing strategy to impress upon potential customers to make use of these services for quicker transportation of their goods and utilisation of loading space optimally.

For any additional information, logistic support and other general inquiries, the following mobile phone numbers may be contacted: 9731667962 or 9731667984, according to Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, SWR, Mysuru.

108 units of blood collected at Blood Donation Camp

Mysuru, June 17- JCI Mysore Royal City and Raktdaan Mahadaan Gowbhakt Sanghatan, Mysuru, had jointly organised a Blood Donation Camp on June 14 at Jeevadhara Blood Bank in city as part of World Blood Donor Day and 108 units of blood was collected.

NOM Co-ordinator for Blood JFP Rakhi Jain was the chief guest. Zone President of Zone XIV Jc Samatha Misquith inaugurated the camp online. Rifah Taskeen, Brand Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, Mysuru-2019, was the guest of honour.

National Treasurer of JCI India JCI Sen Vikas Gugliya, President Jc Asha Nangavath, Secretary Jc Ramesh Nangavath, Project Director Jc Ananth Jain, Project Co-ordinator Jc Mukesh Vedmutha of JCI Mysore Royal City, President of RGS Group Karmaram Parihar, Secretary Devendra Parihariya, Project Director Vikash Rathore and Anand Mandoth were present.

Animal adoption continues at Zoo

Mysuru, June 17- The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee:

Seema Anantrao Panchal, Maharashtra - Four horned Antelope - Rs. 5,000; MMK and SDM Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Mysuru - Leopard Cat, White Peacock, Love Bird and Finch - Rs. 10,500; M. Srinivas, Mysuru - Indian Cobra - Rs. 2,000; R. Jagadish Kumar, Mysuru - Dhole - Rs. 20,000; R. Narahari, Bengaluru - King Cobra - Rs. 3,500; Sandhya Rani IPOS, New Delhi - White Peacock - Rs. 3,500; D. Maneesh, Bengaluru - Black Buck – Rs. 7,500; G. Guru Prasad, Bengaluru - Peacock - Rs. 3,500; Neeraja Deepak, Bengaluru - Green Anaconda - Rs. 10,000; Riders Culture Biking Club, Bengaluru - White Peacock - Rs. 3,500.

Lions Club of Mysore Siri and LCM Spandana's service activities

Lions Club of Mysore (LCM) Siri and LCM Spandana, in association with Siri Vidyalaya, on June 14, thermal screened the children and staff of Ajitanele (Homeless Male Rehabilitation Centre), distributed breakfast to all and donated money. Ln. Siri Balu, Ln. Shobha Siri Balu, Ln. Nagarathna, Ln. Shivashankar, Ln. Nagachampa, Sirima and Milan were present.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka speaks about the cat's bite, diet, behaviour and more

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Is it OK to let kittens bite?

No. This develops into a bad habit but there some reasons why kittens may be biting. A kitten usually bites because of a socialisation issue.

Kittens develop good manners through interaction with other kittens and their mother; other cats won't put up with being hurt.

Kittens don't know that teeth and claws hurt unless you explain it in kitty language the way a mother would. HOW?

Begin training as soon as you get your kitten or cat. A well-socialised adult cat, which knows the rules of cat, play teaches the best lessons to kittens.

Kittens can also bite as a way of communicating a need, as a way of exploring their environment, or because they are teething.

How many times a day should you feed your cat?

There is no quick and easy answer to the frequency with which a cat should be fed, as the age and relative health of your cat, how many cats you have, your own home environment, as well as the type of food you feed, will all play a large part in how you handle feeding. For example, a stay-at-home caregiver will be able to feed food to kittens or geriatric cats several times a day. On the other hand, a single, working owner, or a two-income family, will rely more on dry cat food, with early morning and late-night supplements of wet food.

Which is better, wet or dry food for cats?

Wet food is beneficial for cats because it provides moisture. Cats in the wild get most of their water from the prey they consume, with little or no need for drinking it on the side. In fact, cats have evolved with a very low thirst drive as compared with other species. When eating an all-dry diet, their water intake easily falls short of their actual needs, allowing them to become dehydrated and more prone to kidney disease and urinary tract problems.

What type of human food is harmful for cats?

Caffeine, Alcohol, Dairy, Chocolate, Turmeric, Medications, Essential Oils, Grapes and Vines, Onions, Chives and Garlic and Yeast dough.

Why is my cat rolling around on its back?

When you see your cat drop to the ground and roll on its back, your pet's posture can tell you something. Sometimes this is accompanied by rubbing its head against the floor while meowing. It's possible your cat has an out-of-the-way itch or just wants a good stretch, but this movement is often a positive signal from your cat. The rolling over motion typically signals the cat feels safe and maybe wants some attention from you. In fact, a cat rolls over on its back when it's at its most relaxed state. When cats roll over, it usually is more of a solicitation for attention than submission. There may be other reasons why your cat is rolling around on the ground. Since cats have a higher body temperature, they'll likely sunbathe or sleep near a heater. Because of this, cats may easily get overwhelmed by the sensation and need to cool down. This includes drinking a lot of water, resting in cool places, and rubbing on cool floors. Your cat could also be protecting its digestive system by rolling around in the dirt, coating its fur with bacteria, and ingesting it by licking its coat.

Why is my cat licking his swollen paw?

Soft tissue swelling could mean a few things: insect bite or sting, infection, an abscess, or blunt tissue damage. Bee stings can produce a huge swelling very quickly but aren't usually too painful. (Cats are generally more prone to getting insect bites/ stings on their paws from batting at bugs). This is an allergic type of reaction and, if it doesn't get infected, the swelling will go down in 24 hours or less. Your veterinarian can administer or recommend medications to help reduce swelling and stop the allergic reaction.

Do cats like companionship of other cats?

Cats like their own company and should generally be kept on their own. Living with other cats is a common cause of chronic stress which may cause all sorts of health issues for your cat, especially if the cats are hostile to each other.

How to stop aggression between cats?

Adding more territorial space can prevent cats from having to share climbing, hiding, and perching areas where fights can break out.

Avoid rewarding poor behaviour. Giving food or attention to the aggressive cat may calm the angst in the short term, but it rewards the bully.

Cat carriers, or a harness and leash, used in a hallway or large rooms can be helpful.

Feed cats tasty foods, or engage in play, so they learn to associate each other with fun, positive rewards.

Why do cats fight?

The majority of the time the fighting involves same-sex cats and worsens during mating season — 90 percent of instances of inter-cat aggression can be decreased, or prevented, by spaying or neutering cats. Environmental changes, such as moving or rearranging cat furniture or feeding and litter box stations, can cause fights.

How can one deduct anxiety in cats?

The typical anxious cat hides, urinates inappropriately, increases scratching, and / or vocalises excessively. Some cats are naturally anxious, while others can suddenly feel anxiety due to environmental changes.

How do I get a scared cat into a pet carrier?

To cats, the presence of a pet carrier usually means something bad is about to happen, like a trip to the vet's office. If you take the carrier out only when you need to take your cat somewhere, then she will likely learn to fear it. Therefore, it is recommended to leave the carrier out on the floor all the time.

The carrier should feel like a place of comfort and safety to your cat, even if she's not exactly thrilled about being inside of it. One way to entice your cat into the carrier is to make it smell familiar to her. For example, place her favourite towel or blanket in the carrier.

If your cat seems comfortable spending time in her carrier, try feeding her when she is inside of it. Initially, however, she may not want to eat her meals inside her carrier. She may feel more comfortable eating her meals near the carrier.

Snake Shyam responds to panic call in the wee hours

Mysuru, June 17 (SBD&KS)- Responding to a panic call from a resident in the wee hours of Monday, city's well-known snake rescuer and wildlife conservationist Snake Shyam, not only rescued the snake from the house but also instilled confidence among the family members and explained them about snakes, their behaviour and habitat.

On Sunday midnight, the residents of the house in Shivapura on Manandawadi Main Road spotted a snake in the house and called Shyam at about 2 am. Shyam rushed to the house in a few minutes where a woman, her son and two daughters were staying.

Turning emotional after Shyam caught the snake and put it in a bag, the family members began to cry. "We called many snake rescuers, but no one received the call. We called Shyam with a doubt that whether he would come in the wee hours. But Shyam, who received the call, arrived in a few minutes. We were very frightened," they said and thanked Snake Shyam profusely.

To join the animal welfare movement contact
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Three from one family and a transgender test positive in Mysuru

Youth with quarantine seal loiters around; Kuvempunagar residents panic

Mysuru, June 17 (MTY & BCT)- Four persons, including a transgender, tested positive for COVID in Mysuru yesterday. The transgender has a travel history of Maharashtra. The other three includes two male and a female, and have a contact history of Patient (P) 5920, a returnee from Uttar Pradesh.

The total positive cases in Mysuru have risen to 120 and 10 patients have been discharged yesterday and 106 patients have been discharged so far. With this, there are 14 active cases in Mysuru.

On a single day (yesterday) three persons of a single family tested positive. P-5920, a returnee from Uttar Pradesh, had come into primary contact with 44-year-old woman (P-7282) who is a resident of Neelakantanagar in Nanjangud, her 14-year-old son (P-7283) and her 17-year-old elder son (P-7284) have tested positive.

Along with them, a 54-year-old transgender who returned from Maharashtra tested positive. All the positive patients were in quarantine and there is no danger of the virus spreading to other persons. They have been shifted to the designated COVID Hospital on KRS Road and are being treated there.

A heartening factor is that 10 positive persons who were being treated in the Hospital since 15 days have recovered and are out of the hospital. Though they have been cured, they have been asked to remain in home quarantine for a few days.

In the first stage where the Nanjangud Jubilant Generics Cluster Case and the Delhi religious congregation cases emerged where 90 persons tested positive, all were cured of the disease in 52 days and Mysuru emerged as a Corona-free district.

In the second stage, due to unrestricted travel from other States, 30 cases were reported in Mysuru. Of them, one person was from Ireland (now shifted to Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru for critical care), one person from Rajasthan, one from K.R. Pet, two from Tamil Nadu and three from Uttar Pradesh. The remaining 22 positive cases are from Maharashtra.

As per the data released by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar yesterday, the total number of persons observed till date stood at 8,546, persons who have completed 14 days isolation stands at 6,884, number of persons isolated in home for 14 days are 1,508 and number of persons isolated in facility quarantine for 7 days is 140. On the testing front, in all, 14,250 have been tested in Mysuru so far and 14,130 have tested negative.

Quarantined youth caught in the open

Residents of areas surrounding Pooja Bakery in Kuvempunagar Second Stage M-Block were panic-stricken yesterday as a youth with a quarantine seal on the back of his palm was found roaming around the streets. He was spotted last afternoon carrying a kit bag. He had tea in a nearby shop and was loitering around. Seeing the seal on his hand, alert residents questioned him and told him that he was not supposed to roam around. When asked his whereabouts, the youth replied that he had come from Maharashtra. This panicked the residents and they immediately alerted the Kuvempunagar Police and the Health Department officers. The officials rushed an ambulance to the place and shifted him to the COVID Hospital. Later, a team from Mysuru City Corporation arrived at the spot and sprayed disinfectants around the tea shop and the areas where the youth had roamed around. Though disinfectants were sprayed, residents of the area refused to come out even in the evening.

Man dies after falling from stairs of his under-construction house

Appanna

Virajpet, June 17 (KS)- A 42-year-old man, who had gone to inspect his house under construction, died after falling from the steps of the stairs of the house on the outskirts of Virajpet.

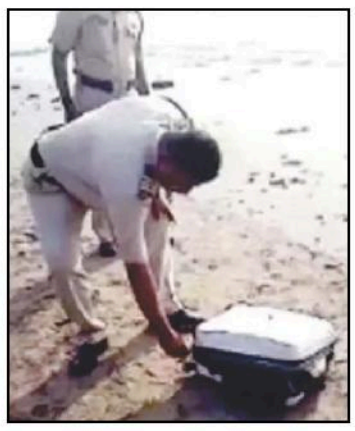
The deceased is Chandapanda Anil Appanna, son of C.M. Poovaiah, residing in Arji Panchayat limits in Virajpet taluk. Anil, who was constructing a house at Arji village, left his home on June 15 evening, saying that he was going to the new house to see the construction but did not return. His family members thought that he would be staying at the new house.

But yesterday evening, a few children, who were playing near the under-construction house saw Anil fallen on the steps. It looked like Anil had tripped, fell on the steps and died. The children immediately informed their parents, who in turn informed the Police.

Virajpet Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, collected information from the family members besides registering a case.

Police said that the body was shifted to Virajpet Government Hospital mortuary and would be handed over to Anil's family members after post-mortem today.

Abandoned suitcase creates tension for some time



Mysuru, June 17 (RK&KS)- A suitcase found abandoned on the footpath created tension for some time as rumours of a bomb placed inside the suitcase spread like wildfire in city yesterday. The suitcase was found on the footpath opposite to Senthil Kumar Textiles on Sayyaji Rao Road. The suitcase was found abandoned at about 12.30 pm. As there were no one near the suitcase and rumours of bomb being placed inside it created panic among the public.

Krishnaraja (KR) Inspector Srinivas and staff, who rushed to the spot, dispersed the crowd and summoned the Bomb Detection Squad and the Dog Squad to the spot. The Bomb Detection Squad personnel, who inspected the bag, found nothing suspicious and when they opened the suitcase, they found readymade shirts and pants in it.

Inspector Srinivas said that one Srinivasagowda of Bengaluru had brought samples of readymade shirts and pants in two suitcases and at about 11.45 am, he (Srinivasagowda) kept one suitcase in the car and took the other suitcase to a nearby hotel, had food and was carrying the other suitcase to his car, when he received a call on his mobile phone.

As he came near the car, he kept the suitcase on the footpath, began taking over the phone, boarded the car and left from the spot, Inspector Srinivas said and added that Srinivasagowda came to the spot 45 minutes later and took the suitcase.

The Inspector further said that Srinivasagowda was a readymade garments dealer and had brought samples of shirts and pants to show the traders.

Elderly man killed in elephant attack near Napoklu

Chinnappa

Napoklu (Kodagu), June 17 (KS)- A 70-year-old man was killed in an elephant attack at Yavakapadi village in Kakkabe-Kunjila Gram Panchayat limits near Napoklu. The deceased is Kudiyara Chinnappa, a resident of Yavakapadi village. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and one son.

It is suspected that the incident may have taken place on June 15 night and it came to light yesterday morning. As the elephant had gored him, Chinnappa's stomach was slit open.

Chinnappa was working at an Estate in Naaladi village and on June 15 too he had gone to work. The elephant may have attacked and killed him while he was returning home.

Napoklu Police, who have registered a case, shifted the body to Madikeri General Hospital, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members. Last rites were held at Chinnappa's native place.

Bhagamandala Range Forest Officer (RFO) Devaraj and staff, Napoklu Station Officer and staff visited the spot. Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Prabhakar has assured the family members of deceased Chinnappa of getting them Rs. 7.5 lakh compensation and gave a cheque for Rs. 1 lakh from the Forest Department to deceased Chinnappa's son Dileep.

Incidents of elephants raiding plantations, destroying crops and killing humans is going on since 5-6 years in the region creating panic among the people. The people of the region have urged the Forest Department officials to take steps to control such incidents and save their lives.

Leopard kills calf near Nanjangud

Nanjangud, June 17 (RS& KS)- A calf was killed when a leopard raided a cow shed at Rampura village in the taluk on Monday.

The calf belonged to one Manjunath, a resident of Hullahalli and he had tied the calf in the shed at his farm in Rampura village. The leopard, which entered the shed in the wee hours of Monday, killed the calf.

Manjunath, who was staying at the farm, woke up on hearing sounds made by cows and burst crackers which made the leopard flee from the spot. But the leopard had already killed the calf.

Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Sharath Kumar and staff, who visited the farm, conducted an inspection and instructed the staff to place a cage to trap the leopard.

Attempt to snatch gold chains foiled

Bike-borne chain-snatchers flee as women scream for help

Mysuru, June 17 (YDS&KS)- Chain-snatching incidents are increasing day-by-day in city with bike-borne miscreants attempting to snatch gold chains in two separate incidents in city yesterday.

In the first incident, a 50-year-old woman, resident of Srirampura 2nd Stage, was walking near the tamarind tree in the locality at about 5.30 pm, when two miscreants on a Bajaj Pulsar bike came close to her. Sensing danger, the woman screamed for help, forcing them to flee from the spot.

In the second incident, that took place at about 5.45 pm, a woman, who was walking near Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle saw two persons approaching her slowly and screamed for help, forcing the miscreants to flee.

K.R. Sub-Division ACP Poornachandra Tejasvi, Ashokapuram Inspector Siddaraju and staff, who rushed to the spot conducted an inspection. No complaints or cases have been registered.

ZP orders closure of unauthorised meat shops

Mysuru, June 17 (RKB&DM)- Cracking the whip on unauthorised sale of meat amid the COVID-19 induced lockdown, Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) has ordered closure of all unlicensed meat shops in the District.

ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra ordered Taluk Panchayat (TP) Executive Officers to shut down all unlicensed meat shops at the ZP KDP (Karnataka Development Programme) progress review meeting held at Chamundeshwari auditorium in Mysuru Regional Commissioner's Office premises here this morning.

During the course of the meeting, some members raised the issue of unauthorised and unhygienic meat shops, when the ZP CEO sought information from the officials regarding the number of meat shops in the district. The officials said that there were in all 793 meat shops in 266 Gram Panchayats, out of which 568 had licence, while the rest 225 did not have licence.

After going through the figures, Mishra directed the TP Executive Officers to shut down all unlicensed meat shops in their respective jurisdictions.

ZP President Parimala Shyam presided over the meeting. Vice-President Mangala Somashekar, DHO Dr. R. Venkatesh and others were present.

Yoga amidst COVID: At home, with family

FROM LEFT: ***Sri Pathanjali Yoga Shikshana Samiti (SPYSS) District President Kalaji, yoga expert Dr. P.N. Ganesh Kumar, Srihari of GSS Foundation, MLA S.A. Ramdas, Baba Ramdev Swabhiman Trust Mysuru Head Shashikumar and Mysuru Yoga Okkuta President Dr. B.P. Murthy, seen during the press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning.***

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It is designed to be easily adoptable by the majority of the people irrespective of their age and gender and can be learnt through simple training sessions and online classes.

The AYUSH Ministry is encouraging the use of CYP and it is already available on the Ministry's social media handles and television. Prasar Bharti has already initiated the telecast of CYP on Doordarshan from June 11 (8 am to 8.30 am).

Yoga in Mysuru

International Yoga Dinotsava Samiti Mysuru-2020, in association with the District Administration, Tourism Department, AYUSH Department and Yoga Institutions has urged people and Yoga enthusiasts to join 'Virtual Terrace Yoga' from their homes on June 21.

Addressing press persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning, MLA S.A. Ramdas said that the 6th International Day of Yoga will be commemorated virtually this year due to COVID-19 restrictions in place and requirements of social distancing. The day will be observed at a time when the global outbreak of COVID-19 has upended lives and disrupted lifestyles of people across the world.

"In view of Corona pandemic, no public event can be held this year but we have plans to create a record of different kind by doing Virtual Terrace Yoga," said Ramdas. He urged people across Mysuru district to perform Yoga on their house terrace on June 21 from 7 am to 8 am and join the celebrations. Children and those aged above 60 years may do Yoga inside their houses and they need not come to terrace, he added.

D. Srihari of GSS Yogic Foundation, said: "We have an intention of making at least three lakh people in the district to perform Yoga. In that way, we have plans to create a different record. We have sought permission from officials to record the Terrace Yoga being done across the district using a helicopter."

At the press meet, the protocol video of previous year Yoga demonstration in front of Mysore Palace was uploaded on YouTube. It may be mentioned here that Mysuru entered the Guinness Book of World Records for the Largest Yoga Demonstration or Lesson at a Single Venue during the 2017 International Yoga Day. As many as 55,506 people performed Yoga to achieve the record.

Yoga Day highlights

- International Day of Yoga (IDY) is being celebrated amidst COVID-19 pandemic this year
- Yoga has gained popularity not just in India but also worldwide
- "Yoga at Home, Yoga with Family" campaign launched to observe the day at home

Protocol for IDY-2020

- June 21 - 7 am to 7.45 am; be ready by 6.55 am.
- Children, elderly & pregnant women can do Yoga inside homes
- Others can do Yoga on balcony or terrace
- Dress code — White T-shirt and black cotton pant
- For certificate, one has to take photo of Yoga demonstration on that day and post it to **https://yoga.ayush.gov.in/yoga/**

Over 38,000 students to appear for SSLC exam from June 25

Explaining the preparations for the SSLC exam that is scheduled to take place from June 25 to July 4, DDPI Dr. Panduranga said that 38,822 students from the district are appearing for the exam in 151 centres across the district.

Pointing out that all exam halls are being sanitised ahead of the exam in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, he said that all other mandated measures such as thermal screening of students, use of hand sanitisers, wearing of face masks and social distancing will be strictly followed in all the centres.

Stating that only 15 to 20 students will be allowed in an exam hall as a social distancing measure, he said that students found unwell during medical check-up will be permitted to write the exam in other rooms, which are kept ready for the purpose.

Scouts and Guides donate 42,000 face masks

Dr. Panduranga further said that Karnataka Scouts and Guides has donated 42,000 face masks meant for students appearing for SSLC exam, which will be despatched to all the exam centres of the district in a couple of days.

Free bus service

He also said that the KSRTC is providing bus service for the exam and the students can travel in KSRTC buses for free from their place of stay to the exam centre by showing their Hall ticket.

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